

EXCISE.

(Nos. 176—186.)

SUBJECT No. 176.

Prosecutions under Excise Regulation not to be conducted by Officers who have investigated the case.
Mr. K. S. Santhanam Iyengar, Closepet Municipality.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 177.

Tapping of bagani trees by *hiduvalidars*.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao, and C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Some bagani trees may be allowed to be tapped for *bona fide* home consumption.

Messrs. Kallegowda, H. V. Rangaswami and some other members opposed this suggestion on the ground that drinking would thereby increase and the present system had checked drinking to some extent and was found to be beneficial.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 178.

Formation of date groves in every village.

Mr. Nage Gowda, Mulbagal taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Tapping of bagani trees.

Messrs. Krishnappa, and Channabasappa Gowda, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Bagani trees do not yield toddy permanently like date trees. Such bagani trees as yield toddy may be numbered. After duly considering the total income from tree tax and other items of expenditure for each shop and also safe-guarding interests of Government the trees may be leased out for not less than five years at a time and the numbering of such trees as are uncertain of yielding toddy may be abolished.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into by the Excise Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Tapping of toddy trees.

Mr. Kere Krishnappa, Gudibanda sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Toddy contractors are required to put in applications for toddy trees from the 15th June for getting them numbered and have toddy supplied to the shops on 1st July. As this arrangement causes some delay for the supply of toddy to the shops in time, the new contractors may be permitted to tap toddy for about five or ten days from the old trees on payment of certain prescribed fee.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Abolition of raiyats' liability for payment of tree tax.

Messrs. Venkatasamayya, Chamarajnagar taluk, and K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—If toddy trees in the holding of raiyats are leased out to contractors, a rent of four annas will be paid and in case the contractor fails to pay the tree tax to Government, the holder will be held responsible for the same. This makes the raiyats responsible for a tax of Rs. 2-8-0 while receiving a payment of tree rent of four annas. The raiyats may be absolved from their liability to pay up the tree tax on failure of payment of the same by the contractor.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao said that the whole of the tree tax might be recovered in advance before the tree was marked and the liability of the owner thus cancelled.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Transfer of toddy shops.

Mr. Anjaneyasetty, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The contract for toddy shops cannot be transferred by the contractors without the sanction of the Excise Commissioner. This causes hardship. The restriction may be removed.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 183.

Triennial lease of toddy shops.

Mr. Anjaneyasetty, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In some places toddy shops are let out on three years' contract experimentally. This system may be introduced into all the taluks.

Reply of Government.—The results of the experiments now made may be awaited.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Payment of excise *khists*.

Mr. Anjaneyasetty, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Formerly, time was being given till the 20th of each month for payment of excise *khists*. The present rule requiring payment to be made before the 10th of each month works as a hardship. The old rule may be revived.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 185.

Excise revenue and inamdars.

Messrs. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk, and Anniah Pandit, Mysore City Municipal Council.

Summary of discussion.—Excise revenue due to inamdars have not been paid to them since 1897. This question is 18 years old. Orders may be passed early in this matter.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 186.

Sale of liquors to women and children.

Mr. C. Narasimhayya, Heggadevankote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Sale of all kinds of liquors to women and children may be prohibited and made penal.

In Ceylon, sale to women is prohibited. Women give drinks to young children. Sale to women in shops may perhaps be allowed, but they should not be allowed to take liquor home.

Reply of Government.—Existing rules prohibit the sale of liquor to children. It is not possible to prohibit sale to women.

PUBLIC WORKS.

(Nos. 187—190.)

SUBJECT No. 187.

Transfer of the malnad District Fund roads to Provincial Funds.

Mr. H. Krishna Rao, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The gravelled malnad roads now under the control of District Boards may be transferred to the Provincial list and the same metalled as they get bad two or three months after repairs.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 188.

Supply of water for cultivation during summer.

Mr. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is learnt that the bund of the Cauvery reservoir has been constructed to a height of 60 feet. As sufficient water may now be stored for the